

Principles to Guide Council's Work ¹

Governor's charge

Relevant considerations in developing recommendations: ²

- Consensus:
 1. Results-based / results-oriented
 2. Reduce state's GHG footprint / significant reduction in emissions of global warming pollutants / reduce Utah's carbon intensity
 3. Timely and concrete / establish time frames and targets
 4. Fiscally sound
 5. Include real things that industry and homeowners can do to reduce emissions of global warming pollutants
 6. Have long-term sustainability
 7. Are quantifiable / Provide measurable improvement in the carbon profile / lead to real and measurable progress toward the public policy goals sought (e.g., energy/efficiency improvement or carbon reduction is recorded and reportable)
 8. Track and report progress
- May or may not have consensus:
 9. Use of Enlibra principles
 10. Recommendations based on science
 11. Economic considerations
 - include cost-benefit or not
 - include evaluation of benefits (create new industries, new economic development opportunities)
 - include short- and long-term costs of global warming
 - include costs of inaction
 - include social and environmental costs
 12. Allowing for continued economic growth and job creation
 13. Market-based and voluntary, but will consider more stringent / mandatory requirements
 14. Recognize need for global coordination
 15. Understand environmental impacts of existing technology (one resource may be much less polluting than others)
 16. Recognize the possibility and implications of a federal cap on carbon emissions in the future

¹ This section was entitled "What Success Will Look Like" in the draft game plan. It has been slightly reorganized to provide more focused guidance for the council's work and to highlight areas of agreement. Where different commenters appeared to be in conceptual agreement, the language variations are separated by slashes.

² As a practical matter, these relevant considerations can be used to evaluate and fine-tune proposed policy recommendations.

Types of policy recommendations to consider: ³

- Consensus:
 1. Remove [regulatory and other] barriers
 2. Encourage / focus on market-based incentives
 3. Encourage implementation of best practices
 4. Encourage / provide strong incentives for implementation of energy efficiency and conservation
 5. Establish goals / encourage investments in / promote renewables and associated / other cleaner (more environmentally friendly) energy technologies
 6. Government leads by example and works in partnership with the private sector (industry, the public, consumers)
 7. Include a major public education component
 8. Coordinate with and solicit information from neighboring states to maximize regional efficacy of any actions Utah takes / find most effective measures to make reductions credible and legitimate
- May or may not have consensus:
 9. Combination of regulatory and voluntary policies
 10. Increase diversity of Utah's energy supply
 11. Incentivize technology

Relevant information for council to consider: ⁴

- Consensus:
 - Economic dimensions
 - Human contributions / anthropogenic drivers
 - Natural contributions / drivers
 - Measured results
- May or may not have consensus:
 - Based on science
 - Cost-benefit considerations
 - Societal, environmental and public health impacts
 - Environmental and social costs
 - Energy loss for various forms of energy produced (it is startling to see the waste and how much it varies among resources)

³ This list is drawn from the draft game plan and your comments. It is not intended to be a complete list; the group can and probably will propose policy recommendations beyond the types included in this list.

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